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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 2131

For: SCRAMBLING UNIT FOR A DIGITAL  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Examiner: A. K. Moorthy

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to and including February 28, 2005 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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Dated: February 28, 2005

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